

Welcome Back

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and been able to enjoy the break with your families. It was lovely to see so many children return to school yesterday, keen to start the new term.

During the holiday a large number of the staff have been ill with a variety of cold and flu related illnesses. We want to keep everyone in the school safe and healthy and are maintaining our cleaning and handwashing routines.

We have received the following information from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UKHSA, said:

"It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved."

"Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading."

"Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent."

"Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late."

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

URGENT – September Admission to School

It is VITAL that you make an application if you have a young sibling who you wish to start at our school in September 2023. Applications to Devon County Council must be made by **15th January 2023**. **Late applications will not guarantee** a place, even if you have a sibling already at Willand School.

Clubs

All extra-curricular clubs start next week with the exception of Year 5 football, which will start after half term. The sign up system opens at 7pm tonight and can be accessed at <https://willandschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Homework Club

Homework club has now started for the term.

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PE Timetable

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RJ		x			
RD		x			
Y1HB			x	x	
Y1MP			x	x	
Y2A	x			x	
Y2R				x	x
Y3N		x			x
Y3WA		x			x
Y4C	x				x (swimming)
Y4W	x		x (swimming)		
Y5ML			x	x	
Y5N		x	x		
Y6G			x		x
Y6S			x		x

Has your child had a new device for Christmas?

Many of your children will have received new devices for Christmas so it seems a good time to give a reminder of some resources that are available to help you to keep them safe.

Each games console, tablet, phone, etc. has different settings and so it can be confusing to know how to set up each device with safety controls but there are helpful guides available to support you with this.

The 'Internet Matters' website has instructions for a wide range of devices which you can choose from a drop-down menu (scroll down the page to find them). <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

One key measure to think about is where in the house children are using their devices; it's much easier to keep them safe if they are nearby. Also, if their device is fitted with a camera, do they always use it in a public space? Bear in mind that talking to your child about what they are doing online is the best thing you can do to help keep them safe. There are some great ideas to get you started here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/my-life-online-conversation-guide/>

The NSPCC has some fantastic advice on keeping your children safe, and is well worth exploring: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>.

The CEOP website provides family activity sheets which have a selection of short conversation starters, practical tips and fun tasks to do as a family. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/home-activity-worksheets/>

As ever, if you have any questions or we can help in any way, please contact Mrs Maynard (Online Safety Co-ordinator) or Miss Leather (Safeguarding Lead).

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing 9th January 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap	Chicken goujons	Roast gammon and pineapple	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice	Harry Ramsden's Fish
Vegetarian burger in a plain bap	Quorn dippers	Broccoli and cheese bake	Macaroni cheese	Homemade Cheese Wheel
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Green Beans Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Ice cream and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Syrup sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Flapjack and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Iced sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPS WITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

Diary

SPRING TERM 2023	
20 January	Y6G Class Assembly
2 February	Parent Consultations
7 February	Parent Consultations
10 February	Non-pupil day
13 – 17 February	Half Term
24 March	Y3N Class Assembly
31 March	Y3WA Class Assembly
31 March	End Spring Term

Keep safe and keep well

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Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services